

REBUTTAL TO ARGUMENT AGAINST PROPOSITION 18

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YES ON 18: RESPONSIBLE SOLUTIONS TO FIX OUR WATER INFRASTRUCTURE

Prop. 18 is supported by family farmers, leading environmental groups, water agencies, businesses and labor because it will finally begin to fix California’s broken water system.

YES on 18 will:

- Fix and upgrade canals, pipes and other infrastructure that capture, store and deliver water safely to homes and businesses;
- Clean up contaminated drinking water sources;
- Increase local water supplies;
- Restore the Delta, a critical source of water for more than 25 million Californians and most of the State’s farm economy;
- Enhance water conservation and recycling.

DOING NOTHING IS NOT AN OPTION

Those opposed to Prop. 18 want to do nothing while our water system continues to deteriorate.

Ongoing problems include:

- *Hundreds of millions in agricultural production and tens of thousands of jobs have been lost as a result of water shortages, according to the California Farm Bureau.*
- *Water rates are increasing throughout the state due to lack of reliable water supplies, according to the Association of California Water Agencies.*
- *Hundreds of miles of levees that deliver water are at risk of collapse, impairing the water supply of 25 million people and taking millions of acres of farmland out of production, according to the Public Policy Institute of California.*

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- More than 60% of rivers and streams tested in California *fail to meet federal clean water standards*, according to the US Environmental Protection Agency.

WATER IS ESSENTIAL. WE MUST TAKE ACTION TO FIX OUR WATER SYSTEM.

VOTE YES ON 18.

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